

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed November 15, 2006, the Examiner required an election of a species for the first or second solutions from among alkanethiols, organic phosphates, polyelectrolytes, and biomolecules. In response, Applicants elect polyelectrolytes, without traverse. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-14, and 16-19 read on the elected species. As indicated by the Examiner, claims 1-4, 10-14, and 16-19 are generic. Applicants make this species election with the understanding that upon a finding that the elected species are patentable, the generic claims will be searched and examined.

Allowance of claims 1-19 is respectfully solicited.

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